## **HYMN 51 Be thou my vision**

#### **BLESSING**

Go in peace and faith.

If you are tired, may you find rest,
if you are anxious, may you find peace,
if you are lonely may you find friends.
Know that nothing can separate you
from the love of God in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now, in the days ahead, and always. **Amen** 

# **HYMN 445 Lord the Light of your love is shining**

#### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Canon Ken, Bishop-elect George, Joyce, Eddie, Johnny, Bobby, Adam & Hayley, Cora, Gwen, Audra, Sylvia, Adam Senior members resident in care homes
Nan, Isabel, Leslie, Lillian, Tom, Sally, Ronnie, Kay
Remember all who have been bereaved
The family of Stanley Pateman late of 23 Eurika Drive

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Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Psalm 37:4,5

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# St Aidan's Parish Church Enabling people to find a Living Faith in a Loving God by "Serving Christ in the Community"

# 22 March 2020: Fourth Sunday in Lent A Service of the Word for Mothering Sunday

### **THANKSGIVING**

Lord God, our heavenly Father: we give thanks for each family and home. For mothers, who love us whatever happens, *thank you*.



For fathers, who protect us and guide us, *thank you*. For brothers and sisters, who enrich family life, *thank you*. For grandparents, who have time to listen, *thank you*. Today we celebrate all that our families mean to us. **Amen** 

## **HYMN 58 Morning has Broken**

**PENITENCE** (We say sorry to God)

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us. *(Silence)* Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.

But we fail to live as your children.

Lord have mercy.

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.

Christ, have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others. Lord, have mercy..

## **ABSOLUTION**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore in us his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

## **ACCLAMATION**

Blessed is the Lord for he has heard the voice of our prayer; Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy And in our song we will praise our God.

## PRAISE: I've got peace like a river in my soul

https://youtu.be/N2R4D6ghaD8

#### **BIBLE READING**

# Col.3: 12-17 The Message

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offence. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.



Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness.

Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives.

Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

## **HYMN 596 Seek you first**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

PRAISE: 100 Jesus loves me

701 Jubilate; 570 Give me oil in my lamp;

HYMN In Christ alone my hope is found https://youtu.be/ENtL\_li4GbE

### **PRAYERS**

Thank you God for the love of our mothers: thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for the pains they have borne for us; thank you God for all that they give us; Heavenly Father, as we have been blessed by a mother's love, so may we know more of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick - may they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals - may they know your protection. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare, in place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Amen. (Adapted)

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Amen** 

#### LENT COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Amen** 

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we pray **Our Father, who art in heaven....** 

Loving God, accept the cries of our heart as we offer our prayers; through them transform us and all creation until you are in all and through all. We ask these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen